

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 349

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate the administration, staff and supporters of the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum upon its 25th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have helped to preserve the culture and heritage of our way of life, showing uncommon devotion to and enthusiasm for people and events of historical and cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, such noteworthy persons comprise the administration and staff behind the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum, which offers visitors a journey through time amid the rich cultural heritage of agriculture and agrarian life in West Tennessee and which will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, steeped in the rich history of its region, the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum features life-sized displays that depict the everyday challenges settlers faced opening a new territory; and

WHEREAS, established by Tom McCutchen, the museum's collection features over 2,600 implements, as well as photos, paintings, and other historical artifacts, in its more than 16,000 square feet; and

WHEREAS, throughout the museum, displays provide vibrant details of the multi-dimensional aspects of settlers' daily lives; these displays include children attending a one-room schoolhouse, Sunday Social at the old country church, and the blacksmith's shop; and

WHEREAS, during its twenty-five years of existence, the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum has provided a rich cultural experience for the public and has preserved an essential thread in the tapestry of American history; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud those citizens who maintain and promote this exemplary museum for their dedication to the conservation of West Tennessee's agricultural history; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and applaud the administration and staff and supporters of the West Tennessee Agricultural Museum for their hard work and diligence in preserving the unique and wonderful agricultural history of the early West Tennessee settlers, congratulate them upon the museum's 25th anniversary, and offer our thanks for enabling so many to be enriched by their observation of the history and founding fabric of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.